DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S STUDIES - Fall 2000

WS 308-4 Women and Work: Production and Reproduction

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The kinds of work women perform and how it is valued by society is shaped by the complex interaction of sexual relations, cultural perceptions, economic conditions and social action. In this course the nature of women's paid and unpaid work and the relationship between the division of labour by gender and women's subordination will be examined. Students' own work experiences will be used to explore the subjects raised in the course.

The readings will be drawn mainly from contemporary feminist literature with specific emphasis on conditions in Canada.

Required Reading:

Plus selected pieces from journal articles and books.

Recommended Reading:

Course Requirements and Grading Structure:
10% Class Participation
10% Class Presentation
10% Short written assignment (3 p.)
20% Mid-term test on readings
25% Essay (10 p.)
25% Final Exam (Scheduled)

Prerequisites:
Six credits in Women’s Studies including WS 101 or WS 102. Students who have taken SA 335 and/or WS 310 under the title Women and Work may not take this course for further credit.

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